

CEPR MEMBERSHIP

| STATE AGENCY HEADS | GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS |
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| Adjutant General's Dept | Agriculture, Crop, or Livestock |
| Animal Health Dept | Business/ Industry/ Broadcasting (3) |
| Bureau of Investigation | City Managers |
| Dept of Agriculture | County Emergency Managers |
| Dept of Commerce | Counties |
| Dept of Health & Environment | Emergency Medical Services |
| Dept of Transportation | Energy |
| Highway Patrol | Firefighters |
| State Fire Marshal's Office | Homeland Security Councils |
| | Hospitals |
| | Individuals with Disabilities |
| | Law Enforcement |
| | Public Health |
| | Public Works |
| | Transportation, Trucking, Rail |
| | Tribes (vacant) |

Additional SARA TITLE III

Brochures Available:

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| An Overview of SARA Title III | KDEM-S1 |
| The LEPC | KDEM-S3 |
| Emergency Response Plan | KDEM-S4 |
| Notification of Substance Release | KDEM-S5 |
| Information Dissemination | KDEM-S6 |
| Enforcement | KDEM-S7 |



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Commission on Emergency Planning and Response

SARA TITLE III



STATE OF KANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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THE COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE

On October 17, 1986, in response to a growing concern for safety around chemical facilities, Congress enacted the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), also known as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA). The federal law requires the governor of each state to establish a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and for the Commission to establish Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs). It is the mission of the LEPCs and SERC to implement EPCRA in the State of Kansas and to mitigate the effects of a release or a spill of hazardous materials.

The Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR), established by K.S.A. 65-5721, is responsible for implementing federal EPCRA provisions in Kansas and serves as the technical advisor and information clearinghouse for state and federal hazardous materials programs. The primary focus of the CEPR is to enhance state and local emergency response and preparedness capabilities through improved coordination and planning. This is achieved by:

- (1) advising and assisting local agencies in the mitigation of hazards and emergency preparedness by aiding in the development of all emergency plans, training, and exercises;
- (2) reviewing the response to emergencies and recommending improvements for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery for future disasters; and
- (3) carrying out all requirements of the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986.

The CEPR is comprised of 27 representatives from various state and local government organizations and industry. A table depicting the membership of the CEPR is included on the back panel of this brochure. A Chairperson is elected annually by the CEPR members and the Vice-Chairperson is designated by the Chairperson. Members are required to serve a term of four years. The CEPR meets quarterly.

The Commission makes decisions regarding the state preparations for different types of emergencies. By including more experts in the discussions, it will allow for a better planned response by the state. The various backgrounds of these individuals create an ideal commission to coordinate emergency response related to all-hazard situations.

PRIMARY CEPR RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of the Commission on Emergency Planning and Response is to facilitate a coordinated effort for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery from emergencies and disasters in Kansas. The CEPR has the following functions, powers, and duties:

1. Carry out all requirements of the federal EPCRA.
 - To appoint, supervise and coordinate the activities of each LEPC;
 - To receive certain reports and notifications required by EPCRA;
 - To make facility reports and notifications available to the public; and
 - To annually review local emergency response plans prepared by the LEPCs.
2. Provide assistance and advice in establishing policy for the coordination of state agency activities relating to emergency training, preparedness, planning and response.
3. Provide assistance and advice in establishing policy and procedures for chemical release reporting and prevention, transportation, manufacture, storage, handling, and use.
4. Facilitate and advise the division of emergency management, the adjutant general, and others in the preparation and implementation of all emer-

gency plans prepared by state agencies.

5. Facilitate and advise the division of emergency management, the adjutant general, and others in the preparation and implementation of statewide, interjurisdictional, and local emergency plans prepared in accordance with state and federal law.
6. Designate, and revise as necessary, the boundaries of the emergency planning districts in accordance with the federal act.
7. Approve the local emergency planning committee for each emergency planning district.
8. Review reports about responses to disaster emergencies and make recommendations to the appropriate parties involved in the response concerning improved prevention, mitigation, and preparedness.
9. Provide assistance and advice to the division of emergency management and the adjutant general in coordinating, advising, or planning tasks related to community right-to-know reporting, toxic chemical release reporting, management of hazardous substances, emergency planning and preparedness for all types of hazards, and emergency planning and preparedness for all types of disasters.
10. Recommend procedures to integrate, as appropriate, hazardous substance response planning.
11. Provide recommendations and advice to the adjutant general and the secretary of health and environment regarding the adoption of regulations as authorized to carry out the purposes of all state hazard preparedness and planning laws and the federal act.
12. Approve the fees established by rules and regulations of the adjutant general to cover all or part of the total operational costs of implementing the provisions of the federal act.
13. Provide assistance and advice to the division of emergency management and the adjutant general in developing and implementing a plan for regional emergency medical response teams.

